Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 11

Subject: Authorize execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE with Facility Solutions Group, Austin, TX, for the installation of trail lighting in selected areas of the Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail in an amount of \$229,958.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase through the LOCAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE. Facility Solutions Group is an approved vendor/contractor through the competitive procurement process authorized by Texas Statute, Local Government Code, Chapter 271, Subchapter F.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) has worked with The Trail Foundation for several years on a two phased project to provide limited lighting opportunities on the Hike and Bike Trail along Lady Bird Lake.

The purpose of the lighting is to address those areas of the trail that are considered to be trip hazards. These lighting enhancements will increase safety without compromising the integrity of the trail's natural beauty and setting.

Phase I was completed during the summer of 2008 and provided for the installation of 15 lights at 3 different locations utilizing a service agreement established by Austin Energy. Phase II is estimated to be completed by December 2010. The contractor will purchase and install 18 lights at 8 additional locations along the trail.

Although this is a Cooperative Purchase and no goals were established for the solicitation, the Small Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) reviewed the project scope and no subcontracting opportunities were identified.